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E. O. 11652: XGDS-1 (DECLAS 12-31-92)

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SUBJECT : GUINEA OFFER TO ASSIST IN SETTling CAMBODIAN
QUESTION

1. PRESIDENT DEKOU TOURE CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE JUST NOW
AND REQUESTED I SEND URGENT COMMUNICATION EXPLAINING
GUINEAN WILLINGNESS ASSIST IN ANY WAY IT CAN IN SETTling
CAMBODIAN QUESTION. SAID HIS OFFER BASED ON EXCHANGE
HE HAD WITH SIHANOUK ON MAY 14-16 AS DISCUSSED BELOW.

2. SEKOU TOURE SAID DURING SIHANOUK' S VISIT JUST CON-
CLUDED, SIHANOUK HAD BRIEFED HIM ON HIS VERSION OF LATEST
DEVELOPMENTS IN CAMBODIAN SITUATION. SEKOU TOURE EXPLAINED
TO SIHANOUK THAT HE HAD VERY GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US
AND HAD NO PARTICULAR COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE USG SINCE
QUESTION OF VIETNAM HAD BEEN RESOLVED. TOURE HAD HOPED
THAT CAMBODIAN SITUATION WOULD BE SETTLED AT SAME TIME
AS PART OF OVERALL INDO- CHINA SETTLEMENT AND REGRETted
THAT THIS HAD NOT HAPPENED. TOURE TOLD SIHANOUK ON BASIS
HIS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US, HIS LONG- TIME FRIENDSHIP
WITH SIHANOUK AND HIS DESIRE FOR PEACE, HE PREPARED TO
ATTEMPT IN ANY WAY HE COULD TO HELP BRING ABOUT SETTLEMENT.
TOURE SAID SIHANOUK REPLIED HE MOST ANXIOUS FOR SETTLEMENT
AND WOULD WELCOME ANYTHING THAT SEKOU TOURE COULD DO
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO HELP IN THIS REGARD.

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3. SEKOU TOURE DESCRIBED SIHANOUK AS LONG TIME FRIEND WITH WHOM HE HAD KEPT IN TOUCH BEFORE AND AFTER COUP D' ETAT AND WITH WHOM RELATIONS REMAIN VERY CLOSE. SIHANOUK HAD VISITED GUINEA ON BASIS THIS PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP BUT FELT GREATLY ENCOURAGED IF SOME CONCRETE BENEFITS COULD ALSO RESULT.

4. SEKOU TOURE SAID SIHANOUK SCHEDULED PASS BACK THROUGH CONAKRY AT 8:00 A. M. GMT SATURDAY, MAY 19 AND IF POSSIBLE HE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT FURTHER REMARKS HE COULD MAKE TO SIHANOUK IN THIS REGARD.

5. IN VIEW OBVIOUS SINCERITY OF TOURE' S INITIATIVE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTION TO REACH HERE IF POSSIBLE BEFORE 8:00 A. M. GMT ON WHAT RESPONSE I SHOULD MAKE TO SEKOU TOURE.

6. CABLE SHOULD CARRY IMMEDIATE NIACT PRECEDENCE TO INSURE DELIVERY.
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